

REMARKS

Claims 1-20, all the claims pending in the application, stand rejected on prior art grounds.

Drawings

Applicants note that the Examiner still has not indicated whether the drawings have been accepted. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate that the drawings are accepted in the next office paper.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 1-20 as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0009537 to Wang et al. (hereinafter "Wang").

Previously, Applicants argued that Wang does not teach that an integrated user interface is generated based on neutral user interfaces of devices residing on a home network and converted into a specific user interface suitable for a specific client of a user, as recited in claim 1. Instead, Wang discloses that the network top-level GUI 1054 is generated to be displayed on the remote access device 1052 (paragraph 274).

In response, the Examiner merely asserts that the above recitation of claim 1 is taught and reproduces paragraph 287 of Wang which discloses that "different remote access devices 1052 may have different versions of home network directory page 1054, and customized remote home network interfaces. For example, a hand-held device 1052 with low resolution may use a text only version, while a high-end PC may have a complex graphics interface. These customized HN directories (e.g., home network top level GUI 1054, Home Network Directory Page) can be accommodated using XSL, or the gateway device 702 may generate different versions."

However, Wang's disclosure of generating different versions of a top level GUI does not disclose the claimed generating and converting of an integrated user interface. Wang does not teach that the home network top level GUI 1054 is changed into another form. Instead, Wang discloses that a version of the home network top level GUI 1054 is initially created by gateway device 702 depending on the capabilities of hand-held device 1052. No further conversion of this created version of the top-level GUI 1054 from any other previously created version is taught, suggested, or even contemplated by Wang. Thus, Wang does not teach that an integrated user interface is generated based on neutral user interfaces of devices residing on a home network and converted into a specific user interface suitable for a specific client of a user, as recited in claim 1.

Because Wang does not teach all of the features of claim 1, Applicants submit that the claim is not anticipated by Wang. Applicants also submit that claims 2-5 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

Each of independent claims 6, 7, 10, 14, and 17 recite features similar to those discussed above in conjunction with claim 1. Thus, Applicants submit that these claims are patentable at least for reasons analogous to those discussed above regarding claim 1. Applicants also submit that claims 8-9, 11-13, 15-16, and 18-20 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on one of claims 6, 7, 10, 14, and 17.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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